WHEN AND REAL PROPERTY.

#### Opportunity

By ALVAH J. GARTH

(2), 1920, Western Newspaper Union.) In a day Arnold Bruce found himself prominent in the eyes of his fellow citizens. He had led an easygoing, humdrum life in Woodville; had always earned a good living, had some property, and, by a curious switch in local politics, was nominated as a candidate to the state sen-

over the circumstance. public honor was thus thrust upon him. He had guarded her jealously since early girlhood, often mapped out mentally a career of social promino one coming along who exactly ple are expected to gather, answered to these requirements, the dreary and companionless life.

and at the same time he took in what the room is used for assemblies. her father said :

no one here in Woodville who can up-to-date campaign manager and in the natatorioum. some one to help me get up my speeches in presentable form."

Just then a girl friend came along cap, came upon the porch,

experienced and prepared to act in your behalf."

"You!" ejaculated Bruce amazedly, scanning the trampish attire before

call me Bertram Carlisle. That is bath and locker divisions. not my name, but it will answer. I was for two years private secretary to the governor of a Western state. I managed a long campaign for him. I wrote his speeches and they re-elected him. Then hard luck came to me. Set me on my feet; give me a chance and see what I can do for you."

"If what you say is true," spoke Bruce, after a minute of meditation, "come to my office down-town in an

The so-called Bertram Carlisle refused to tell more about himself when he appeared in response to the appointment. They had a long talk. Carlisle had not been particularly noticed in the town. Bruce trusted him with a hundred dollars, with instructions to get himself in shape in a neighboring town.

When Bertram Carlisle returned next day to Woodville he was like a new being. When Mr. Bruce took him to the house and introduced the wellgroomed Mr. Carlisle to Myrtle, not for a moment dld she connect him with the tramp of two days previous.

The young man soon proved his expertness, gaining the desirable publicity for his client, helping him frame hts speeches and scoring a complete success. Bruce made a creditable campaign, was elected by a large majority and paid his helper a very liberal sum for his active co-operation.

It was six months later at the state capitol that father and daughter met Carlisle at a reception. Time bad Improved the young man and Myrtle looked startled when he was addressed as "Mr. Gage."

"That is my real name, Miss Bruce," explained the young man. "A wanderer, I was at odds with my father when you first knew me," but he did not then allude to his tramp ex-

That came later, after he had visited Myrtle at her home several times, and had expressed the love he felt for her and knew that she returned his affection.

"Do you think I care the less for you because you were estranged from your family and in poverty? Ah, no!" said Myrtle. "You were only a prince in tatters. You love me, that is all

And Woodville never knew the true story of the engaging young man who had belped Arnold Bruce win his way and had won as his bride the belle of the village.

Life is made up of many such experlences, only in this instance at his darkest hour Bertram Gage seized an opportunity and made good.

kinds of Real Estate, Farms "State senator and father-in-law." remarked Arnold Bruce to him warmand City Property. ly one day. "We will keep our secret, but fate brought you to my ald at the LEWIS HUDSON vital moment and fate has worked out a glowing destiny all around."

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gymnasium to be erected on the Al-ma College campus will serve many This method of cleaning up the re-creased endowment. community and county needs. The fuse and rubbish that has accumuate and was very proud and ambitious College authorities have announced lated during the winter, is one of It was of his motherless daughter that the auditorium will be open for the very helpful measures that the play in the plan to establish the Myrtle that he first thought when public meetings of a civic or patriotic nature. The structure is therefore admirably adapted for institutes, terested enough in the matter to co- concerned, will deny the college its county conventions, and mass meet- operate to the fullest extent in mak- chance to render an increased service neace, a husband with a future, but nigs at which large numbers of peo-

The gymnasium is sixty feet wide stubborn, self-opinionated old fellow by ninety feet long with a floor had discouraged male company for area fifty by seventy arranged for Myrtle, and she had led a rather hall indeed baseling and all basket ball, indoor baseball and all He was seated with her upon the drills or exercises requiring free shot himself Monday evening. No pending campaign brings to them porch engressed in discussing his space. The modern requirement, prospects and plans with her, mean- space for spectators of athletic con- survived by his wife, his father and judgment upon the worth of the time casually and indifferently eyeing tests, has been met by the planning mother, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Hamp, work the college is doing but of rea stranger seated on a lower step mak- of balconies or raised steps giving ing way with a lunch Myrtle had given him. He was poorly dressed, unshaven, looked the tramp and homeless one, indeed; yet there was some- provided at the end so that the gymthing about him that suggested better nasium may be used for auditorium days. All the signs were of poverty purposes when desired and with the and not of dissipation. He had a central floor and balconies would clear, intelligent eye, and when he seat about nine hundred persons. had asked for food he had insisted Roof trusses provide the means for den patch. More than ouce his glance suspending gymnasium apparatus wandered to blithe, lissome Myrtle, and for supporting it above when

This room will be brilliantly "You can see I am in a predict- lighted by clere story windows and ment, Myrtle, and there seems to be a large skylight. The windows provide superior means of natural cross here at home, where all my friends ventilation. All interior wall surlive, I will get the full vote. The faces will be of impervious brick. other countles have to be canvassed, The same conditions of light, ventithough. In fact, I must have a smart, lation and impervious walls prevail

The bath departments are so located as to give access to the the street and called to Myrtle, who gymnasium while the women are usjoined her at the gate. Her father, ing the natatorium or the reverse, left alone, looked somewhat surprised thus using either department by as the stranger, removing his tattered either sex and both at one time. Heat will be supplied from the cen-"Mr. Bruce," he said, "I have been tral power plant. A dressing room listening to what you have said about for visiting teams is shown adjacent your political situation. I am fully to the baths, as well as an office and examination room for the physical director.

The estimated cost of construction s \$110,000.00 of which approximate-"Yes. Don't judge a down-and-out ly \$45,000.00 would be required for without knowing something more than the auditorium, \$35,000 for the nathe surface tells about him. You can tatorium and \$15,000.00 each for the

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KILLED SELF AT STANTON

YOUNG STUMP PULLER WORKS

(Continued from page one) penditure per student tends to in-The annual clean-up of the city, crease. The per cent of students which the Civie Improvement who work their way in an institueague is always one of the prime tion at which 500 young men and factors, will be held next week, and women are registered is less than residents of the city are urged to be the per cent that work their way in only 200 enrolled. Five hundred The Civic League asks that all students at Alma College means ashes, scraps, cans, etc., be out in that there will be expended in this the alley where it can be reached community during the college year

Five hundred students mean a

What part will this community ing Alma a cleaner, healthier city simply because it IS located in the city of Alma. Against such a view

only time and tolerance can prevail. Men and women in distant parts Stanton, Mich., April 5 .- (Special) of the state are bending every effort Niles Hamp, aged about 23 years, to make the Greater Alma possible, manager of a cream station here. What will the home-folks do? The motive is known for the act. He is the necessity not only of passing

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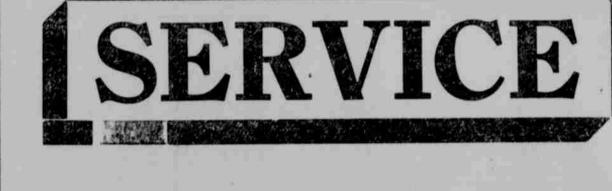
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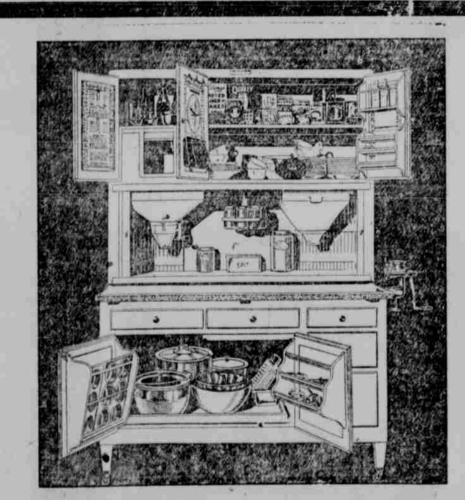
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